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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	Application No. 09/976,475	Applicant(s) HAWKINS ET AL.	
	Examiner Sam Bhattacharya	Art Unit 2617	

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THE REPLY FILED 12 June 2006 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
 b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
 (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
 (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
 (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
 (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
 5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
 6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
 7. ☐ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
 The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
 Claim(s) allowed: _____.
 Claim(s) objected to: _____.
 Claim(s) rejected: _____.
 Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
 9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing of a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
 10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: see attachment.
 12. ☒ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s). (PTO/SB/08 or PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 20060731
 13. ☐ Other: _____.


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 SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINE

Response to Arguments

Examiner respectfully disagrees with Applicant's arguments as follows.

As shown in FIG. 4 in Nguyen and clearly stated on col. 6, lines 58-61, step 61 detects whether the PDA is in the open position, and if it is open the step 65 determines whether the power is on. Step 71 enables PDA functions, thus executing applications in response to the lid being opened. Accordingly, Nguyen discloses activating the device and executing by the processor a first user-selectable application responsive to the lid being opened. Step 69 enables a fax phone function in response to the phone power button being pressed on. Step 67 also enables the normal cellular phone when the PDA power is off and the phone power is on. Accordingly, Nguyen discloses activating the device and executing a second application responsive to activation of the power button. Note that enabling a function means activating that function, and therefore there is no difference between "enabling" and "executing" in the context of Nguyen's teachings.

Boesen states that keypad buttons 22 and PDA buttons 24 are available when the device is closed. Boesen further explains that these buttons provide standard functions available in cell phones and personal electronic devices. See paragraphs 43 and 52. Since particular applications are activated or powered in response to the pressing of keypad and PDA buttons which function as power buttons, Boesen does in fact disclose activating the device and executing a second application responsive to the power button when the lid is closed.

Nguyen discloses that the PDA keyboard is turned on in response to a sequence including the lid being opened. Moreover, step 67 in FIG. 4 enables normal cell phone functions when the

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phone power is on. See col. 7, lines 4-21. Accordingly, Nguyen teaches turning on the PDA and launching a phone application responsive to the lid being opened.

Takahashi is not relied on for teaching activating and executing a first application responsive to the lid being opened. Takahashi clearly discloses that triggering the jog rocker activates the circuits of the PDA and also enables the switching of different modes and executes an application by the control section 21. See col. 6, lines 1-3 and col. 7, lines 8-28. Accordingly, Takahashi teaches activating the device and executing a second application responsive to the activation of the jog rocker.